

Ashcroft, Frist, Brownback, Dorgan, Bryan, Hollings, and Rockefeller.

**Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries:** Senators Snowe (Chair), Stevens, Gorton, Hutchison, Kerry, Inouye, and Breaux.

**Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space:** Senators Frist (Chairman), Burns, Hutchison, Stevens, Abraham, Breaux, Rockefeller, Kerry, and Dorgan.

**Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine:** Senators Hutchison (Chair), Stevens, Burns, Snowe, Frist, Abraham, Ashcroft, Brownback, Inouye, Breaux, Dorgan, Bryan, Wyden, and Cleland.

#### U.S. TRADE AGREEMENT COMPLIANCE

**Committee on Finance:** Committee concluded hearings to examine issues of international dispute settlement and domestic enforcement measures relating to United States trade agreement compliance, including the World Trade Organization, bilateral agreements, U.S. trade laws, North American Free Trade Agreement, and the beef, distilled spirits, and banana in-

dustries, after receiving testimony from David L. Aaron, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Susan G. Esserman, General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Jeffrey M. Lange, Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering, former U.S. Deputy Trade Representative, Charles D. Lambert, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Mark Z. Orr, Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, Inc., and Ira Wolf, all of Washington, D.C.; and Dennis Doyle, Chiquita Brands International, Cincinnati, Ohio.

#### EDUCATION REFORM

**Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions:** Committee concluded hearings on elementary and secondary education reform initiatives at the state level and the view of state governors on the proper role of the federal government in education, after receiving testimony from Senator Voinovich; New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman, Trenton; Michigan Governor John Engler, Lansing; Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge, Harrisburg; and Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening, Annapolis.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 46 public bills, H.R. 768–813; 1 private bill, H.R. 814; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 30–32, H. Con. Res. 35–36, and H. Res. 73–74, 78–81, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 669, to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out that Act (H. Rept. 106–18);

H.R. 434, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa, amended (H. Rept. 106–19 part 1);

H.R. 92, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as the "Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse" (H. Rept. 106–20);

H.R. 158, to designate the Federal Courthouse located at 316 North 26th Street in Billings, Montana, as the "James F. Battin Federal Courthouse," amended (H. Rept. 106–21);

H.R. 233, to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the "Richard C. White Federal Building" (H. Rept. 106–22);

H.R. 396, to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building" (H. Rept. 106–23);

H.R. 514, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping (H. Rept. 106–24);

H.R. 438, to promote and enhance public safety through use of 911 as the universal emergency assistance number, amended (H. Rept. 106–25);

H. Res. 75, providing for consideration of H.R. 409, to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public (H. Rept. 106–26);

H. Res. 76, providing for consideration of H.R. 438, to promote and enhance public safety through use of 911 as the universal emergency assistance number (H. Rept. 106–27);

H. Res. 77, providing for consideration of H.R. 514, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping (H. Rept. 106–28); and

H.R. 416, to provide for the rectification of certain retirement coverage errors affecting Federal employees (H. Rept. 106–29 Part 1). **Pages H713–14**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Stearns act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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**George Washington Birthday:** Agreed that the remarks made by Representatives Wolf and Moran at the wreath-laying ceremony at the Washington Monument for the observance of George Washington's birthday be inserted in today's Congressional Record.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Sisisky wherein he requested a leave of absence from the Committee on Small Business. Without objection, the resignation from the Committee was accepted.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Parks and Public Lands:** H.R. 149, amended, to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996. Agreed to amend the title;

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**Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and Courthouse:** H.R. 92, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as the "Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse;"

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**James F. Battin United States Courthouse:** H.R. 158, amended, to designate the Federal Courthouse located at 316 North 26th Street in Billings, Montana, as the "James F. Battin Federal Courthouse." Agreed to amend the title;

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**Richard C. White Federal Building:** H.R. 233, to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the "Richard C. White Federal Building;"

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**Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building:** H.R. 396, to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building;"

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**New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail:** H.R. 171, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey (passed by yeas and nays vote of 394 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 22); and

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**Designating Segments of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers in Massachusetts as Wild and**

**Scenic Rivers:** H.R. 193, amended, to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 395 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 23).

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**Committee Seniority:** The House agreed to H. Res. 73 specifying that Representative Portman shall rank immediately following Representative Camp on the Committee on Standards.

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**Presidential Message—Western Hemisphere Drug Alliance:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his report on the Western Hemisphere Drug Alliance—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received by the Clerk from the Senate on February 12 and February 16 appear on pages H663–64.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H718–21.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H678 and H679. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FDA. Testimony was heard from Jane Henney, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Health Resources and Services Administration, on the Administration for Children and Families and on the Administration on Aging. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Claud E. Fox, M.D., Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration; and Olivia Golden, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families.

### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Surface Transportation Safety. Testimony was heard from Phyllis